aggregates to 269 km which *inter alia* includes 39 km of NH 23 in Orissa.

(c) and (d). The development works including construction of missing links on N.Hs. is a continuous process. The works are taken up in phases depending upon the inter-se priority of works and availability of resources.

Cadre Review Committee

3391. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cadre Review Committee constituted for the industrial and non-industrial employees of the E.M.E. workshop had submitted its report in 1992;

(b) if so, the gist of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have not been implemented so far;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter;

(e) whether any time limit has been set for the implementation of the report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). The Cadre Review Committee constituted for the industrial and non-industrial employees of the Corps of EME submited its report to the Government in 1992 which contained proposals for Cadre Review of 66 cadres of EME of which 50 cadres pertain to Group 'C' and 16 cadres to Group 'D' category in both industrial and non-industrial category.

2. The recommendations of the Cadre Review Committee were considered by the Government and after detailed deliberations, the proposals for 18 industrial cadres were sent to Vth Pay Commission for consideration, proposals for 9 cadres are under various stages of consideration in the Government, proposal for one cadre has been accepted and Cadre Reviews of 36 cadres were not accepted by the Government primarily due to the non-availability of functional justification for creation of higher level additional posts.

Cataract Patients

3392. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cataract Patients falling victims of Unskilled Doctors" appearing in the *Times of India* dated April 11, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the general public from such unskilled doctors and also to make available to them the services of properly trained doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Phacoemulsification is the most modern technique for cataract extraction with Intraocular lens implementation. While this procedure is common in developed countries, it is new for Indian and can be followed by Ophthalmologists who are or were doing cataract operation by conventional methods. Like all new procedures, this also has its own learning curve. There are several facilities available in the country where this procedure is done as a routine and where Ophthalmologists can observe and gain experience in this procedure of Phacoemulsification.

Primary Health Centres

3393. SHRI MUNAWWAR HASSAN :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the miserable condition of Hospitals and Primary Health Care Centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the scheme of the Government to improve the condition of these centres immediately with particular reference to Muzaffar Nagar and Azamgarh areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Dye Stuff Industry

3394. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dye Stuff Industry has demanded the review of the Government's proposal prohibiting the handling of AZO Dyes which are deterimental to health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken on the demands of the Dye Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. According to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, a proposal to prohibit